HOUSE BILL 293 By Turner M

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204, relative to payroll deduction for certain associations or organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

() "Employee organization" means an athletic club, association, league, union, society, social club, or any similar body of persons organized for some specific purpose; SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204(c), is amended by inserting the words "or organization" after the word "association" wherever it appears.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-23-204, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(h) The provisions of subsection (c) shall apply to any employee of a state agency who is a member of an employee organization, if at least two hundred fifty (250) employees who are members of such employee organization file a written request with the administrative head of a state agency indicating their desire to authorize deductions for the payment of membership dues and benefit premiums to be made from the employee's compensation for payment to such employee organization. Provided, however, if at any time such number drops below the two hundred fifty (250) employee threshold as provided in this subsection, the continuation of such deductions from the employee's compensation shall be at the discretion of the administrative head of the agency.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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